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October 4, 2006

Britta Bloomberg
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Ms. Bloomberg:

Please find enclosed the National Park Service's comments on 1 "The Cultural Meaning of Coldwater Spring in Dakota and Ojibwe Community Life: Ethnographic Resources Study of the Former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Property, Hennepin County, Minnesota." Summit Envirosolutions, Inc. and Two Pines Resources Group, LLC completed this report under contract with the National Park Service (NPS). We submitted this report to you along with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bureau of Mines project (SHPO # 1996-0884).

As explained in our comments, the NPS does not believe the report provided enough information to support determining Coldwater Spring eligible for the National Register under Criterion A or C. We are contacting the Mdewakanton Dakota to determine whether they can provide additional information to support eligibility under Criterion A for Coldwater Spring's association with the Dakota origin tradition (see enclosed letter). If they can or choose to provide such information, we will reassess our determination and consult with your office.

If you have any questions, please contact John Anfinson of our staff at john_anfinson@nps.gov or at 651-290-3030, ext. 285.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SJ", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven P. Johnson
Acting Superintendent